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Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 2.6 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 17, 2008 - - Milk production in Pennsylvania during February 2008 totaled 843 million pounds, 2.6 percent above last February's production of 822 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 551,000 head, down 1,000 from January 2008 although, up 3,000 from February 2007.

Production per cow averaged 1,530 pounds in February, 100 pounds less than January's production per cow of 1,630 pounds but, 30 pounds per cow more than February 2007.

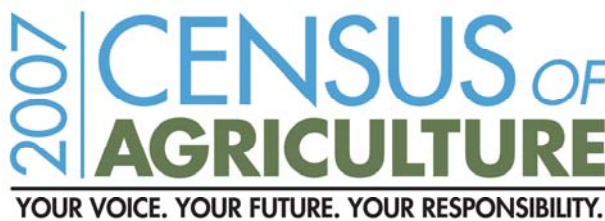
Milk production in the 23 major states surveyed during February 2008 totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 6.0 percent compared to production in these same states during February 2007. January revised production, at 14.7 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from January 2007.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,653 pounds for February, 69 pounds above February 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.42 million head, 136,000 head more than February 2007, and 9,000 head less than January 2008.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008
Milk Cows	Thous.	548	552	551	8,286	8,413	8,422
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	1,500	1,630	1530	1,584	1,746	1,653
Milk Production.....	Mil. Lbs.	822	900	843	13,125	14,488	13,919



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